



Young Women's Forum

Innovative solutions for advancing young women's empowerment

24 August 2010
León, Guanajuato, Mexico
World Youth Conference

AGENDA

10.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	Arrival of participants and registration
10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.	<p><u>OPENING:</u></p> <p>Tania PARIONA TARQUI <i>Responsible for the Department of Youth, National Organization of Indigenous Women of Peru (ONAMIAAP)</i></p> <p>Diana GARCIA <i>Vice Minister of Youth - Paraguay</i></p> <p>Kampeta SAYINZOGA <i>Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance - Rwanda</i></p> <p>Inés ALBERDI <i>Executive Director, UNIFEM</i></p> <p>Margarita ZAVALA <i>First Lady of Mexico</i></p>
11.00 a.m. - 13.00 a.m.	<p>MODERATED PANEL and WORKSHOP SECTION</p> <p><i>Young women's empowerment through the innovative use of new information and communication technologies (ICTs)</i></p> <p><i>New information and communication technologies are the most popular channels of communication among young people. The increasing use of social networks on the Internet, mobile phones and audio/video tools have accelerated the flow of information and images in real-time around the world. Effectively used, ICTs are powerful tools to strengthen the capacities of young women and men for their own empowerment.</i></p> <p><i>The panel objective is to promote and give voice to young experts' from around the world, and to present innovations and advancements related to knowledge, information and communication technologies for youth development, with special emphasis on young women's empowerment and gender equality. The aim is to present innovative solutions and projects with concrete results that can</i></p>

	<p><i>serve as best practices and be replicated in other countries.</i></p> <p><u>OPENING:</u></p> <p>Moderator : Susana MARTINEZ <i>Programme Officer – UNIFEM Brazil and South Cone</i></p> <p>Twitter Moderator Beatrice FREY <i>Communication Analyst, UNIFEM</i></p> <p><u>SPEAKERS:</u></p> <p>Juliana CHEBET ROTICH (Kenya) <i>Co-founder and Program Director, Ushahidi</i> <i>Project: Innovation from Africa, how to use new media tools for advocacy and election monitoring</i></p> <p>Oscar SALAZAR GAITAN (Mexico) <i>Co-Founder and Technology Advisor, Cuidemos el Voto</i> <i>Project: How to Crowdfund an Election Monitoring: The Mexican Experience</i></p> <p>Urjasi RUDRA (India) <i>Coordinator of Say No – UNiTE to End Violence against Women, UNIFEM</i> <i>Project title: Say NO – UNiTE: Global Platform for Advocacy and Action on Ending Violence against Women and girls</i></p> <p>Abby Blechman GOLDBERG (United States) <i>Principal, Latin America and the Caribbean & Gender, Digital Democracy</i> <i>Project: New Tools & Strategies for Women’s Empowerment & Security Post-Disaster: Haitian women & girls use social media, digital photography/video & mobile phones to access power in reconstruction"</i></p> <p>Ghadeer MALEK (Bahrain) <i>Young Feminist Activism Program Associate, AWID</i> <i>Project: ICT and young women’s empowerment</i></p> <p>Piyoo KOCHAR (India) <i>Network Facilitator, International Knowledge Network of Women in Politics (I know Politics)</i> <i>Project: iKNOW Politics: Leveraging potential of communication technologies for Young Women in Politics</i></p> <p><u>WORKSHOP SECTION:</u></p> <p>This panel will showcase short presentations and videos about innovative initiatives, projects and best practices related to young women’s empowerment and ICTs. After the presentations, the young experts will start four simultaneous workshop sections focused on: young women’s participation in decision-making processes and electoral observation; youth participation in democracy processes and advocacy; young women and ICTs in post-disaster situations; and young women and creative advocacy using ICTs.</p> <p><u>CLOSING REMARKS</u></p>
13.00 p.m. - 14.30 p.m.	<p>Lunch Break</p> <p><i>Interactive Artistic Performance by CIRCO VOLADOR (Mexico)</i></p>

	<i>Gender roles and stereotypes</i>
<p>14.30p.m.-16.00p.m.</p>	<p>MODERATED PANEL and OPEN DISCUSSION</p> <p>Advancing Young Women’s Leadership in the HIV/AIDS Response</p> <p>Young people, and particularly young women, remain at the centre of the AIDS epidemic. Gender inequality plays a significant role in fueling the spread of HIV. Young women represent about two thirds of all people aged 15–24 in developing countries newly living with HIV, making them the most-affected group in the world. In this light, the empowerment of young women to know and exercise their rights to education, health services, economic opportunities, and freedom from violence is crucial. Experience has shown that women’s organizations – particularly those of HIV-positive women - and gender equality experts must help shape the content and direction of AIDS policies and programmes. Within this context, it is critical to step up efforts to ensure that young women and girls become leaders and agents of change rather than mere recipients of services. This panel will be a space of discussion to give voice to young women and girls to speak up about their concerns, perspectives, needs and priorities. The obstacles and opportunities young women face in advancing their leadership and participation in the AIDS response will be analyzed through an interactive dialogue with experiences from Asia, Africa, Latin America and the CIS.</p> <p><u>OPENING:</u></p> <p>Moderator: Claudia BRIONES <i>Programme Analyst on Gender and HIV/AIDS, UNIFEM</i></p> <p>Twitter Moderator Beatrice FREY <i>Communication Analyst, UNIFEM</i></p> <p><u>SPEAKERS:</u></p> <p>Rachel Arinii JUDHISTARI (Indonesia) <i>Asia Pacific Regional Focal Point for the Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS (GYCA)Project: HIV/AIDS and young women in Asia and The Pacific</i></p> <p>Gabriela García PATIÑO (Mexico) <i>Gender and HIV/AIDS’ Assistant, Balance Promotion for Youth Development Project: Young women living with HIV/AIDS: the case of Mexico</i></p> <p>Micaela Carolina CYRINO (Brazil) <i>Representative of Network of Young People Living with HIV/AIDS</i></p> <p>Cleiton Euzébio DE LIMA (Brazil) <i>Focal point for HIV/AIDS, UNIFEM Brazil and Sothern Cone Project: Training Program for Young Leaders living with HIV/AIDS</i></p> <p><u>CLOSING REMARKS</u></p>
<p>16.00p.m-16:30p.m.</p>	<p>Young women’s representation in mass-media</p> <p><u>OPENING:</u></p> <p>Perla Sofia VAZQUEZ DIAZ (Mexico) <i>REDLAC-ELIGE’s Representative</i></p>

16:30p.m.-17.30p.m.

SPEAKERS:

Nydia PESANTEZ (Ecuador)

Global Monitoring Project Coordinator for Latin America , WACC

Jovana BAZERKOVSKA (Macedonia)

UNIFEM Project Coordinator for Social Inclusion and Domestic Violence

Video: "Where are we going"

MODERATED PANEL and OPEN DISCUSSION

Young women advancing peace building processes

Adopted ten years ago this October, UN Resolution 1325 puts women's experiences of conflict on the international peace and security agenda, focusing attention on the impact of conflict on women and girls and calling for women and young's engagement in conflict resolution and peace building. While some progress has been made in the last ten years, gaps in implementation of the resolution remain. Women still do not play an equal role in peace processes or see their concerns fully reflected in peace agreements. Studies indicate that of a sample of 24 peace processes over the past two decades, women formed less than 8 percent of negotiating teams. On the other hand, adolescent girls and young people overall are neglected group when it comes to drawing up post-conflict peace and reconstruction plans. Young women, adolescent girls in particular need urgent attention to their needs and rights: They are the primary targets of rape as tactic of warfare, are enslaved by armed groups or forcibly impregnated and forced to abandon their schooling. Often left as young single mothers, they have limited prospects to provide for their children and other dependants and are at high risk of sexual exploitation and trafficking. The panel will be an occasion for young women working on advancing peace-building processes in conflict, post-conflict and transitional countries to discuss and present new projects and initiatives for young women to become involved as agents of peace and security and advance democracy processes.

OPENING:

Moderator: Begoña LASAGABASTER

Specialist in Political Participation, UNIFEM

Twitter Moderator

Beatrice FREY

Communication Analyst, UNIFEM

SPEAKERS:

Slava GREENBERG (Israel)

General Coordinator of Isha L'Isha – Haifa Feminist Center

Project: Women, Peace and Security in the eyes of a feminist collective

Sahar Khalil SALEM (Palestine)

Communication Officer at UNRWA- Gender Initiative

Project: Working for a Just World

Stephaine NYOMBAYIRE (Rwanda)

Representative of the Genocide Intervention Network

Project: Born to a Throne Stronger than Rome":Rebuilding Through Education

Enma Elizabeth CATU RAXJAL (Guatemala)

Responsible for politics, Movement of Young Mayas (MOJOMAYAS)

Project: Indigenous Young Women in post-conflict and peace-building t processes, the case of Guatemala.

	<p><u>CLOSING REMARKS</u></p>
<p>17.30p.m-19.00p.m</p>	<p>MODERATED PANEL and OPEN DISCUSSION</p> <p><i>Stop Violence Against Women and Girls</i></p> <p><i>Violence against women and girls is one of the most widespread violations of human rights. It takes place in the home, on the streets, in schools, the workplace, in farm fields, refugee camps, during conflicts and crises. In the framework of the UN Secretary-General's multi-year UNiTE to End Violence Against Women's campaign, including through UNIFEM's Say NO – UNiTE to End Violence against Women platform, young women and young men can engage as champions for zero tolerance against violence against women and girls within their communities and among their peers. Though largely invisible in the policies and debates on the issue, adolescent girls and young women experience various forms of gender-based violence – sexual violence and domestic abuse, sexual exploitation and trafficking, harmful practices such as FGM/C and child marriage. It is estimated that as many as half of all sexual assaults worldwide are directed at adolescent girls under 16. To put an end to this human rights violation, young people from all over the world have an opportunity to join this global movement and find creative and new solutions.</i></p> <p><u>OPENING:</u></p> <p>Moderator: Nadine GASMAN <i>Senior Manager, Campaign Unite to end violence against women, UNIFEM</i></p> <p>Co-moderator: Jimmie BRIGGS (United States) <i>MenUP Coordinator</i></p> <p>Twitter Moderator Beatrice FREY <i>Communication Analyst, UNIFEM</i></p> <p><u>SPEAKERS:</u></p> <p>Therasa Hamunyani MATSVAI (Zimbabwe) <i>National Programme Officer, Young Women's leadership Initiative (YOWLI)</i> <i>Project: Innovative projects for young women's empowerment from a Zimbabwean perspective</i></p> <p>Krati PRAKASH (India) <i>Breakthrough's Representative</i> <i>Project: Using 360-degree multi media campaign(Bell Bajao) for community mobilisation work by youth to end domestic violence</i></p> <p>Jose Roberto LUNA (Guatemala) <i>UNITE Against Women's Campaign's Representative</i> <i>Project: Political Leadership of Young women and men: towards the transformation of violence against women.</i></p> <p>Alina KHAMATDINOVA (Kazakhstan) <i>Executive Director of the Civic Alliance of Kazakhstan</i> <i>Project: Stop Violence Against Women and Girls: engagement of youth in UNiTE campaign</i></p> <p><u>VIDEOS:</u> <i>-UN General Secretary on UNiTE to End Violence Against Women's Campaign</i> <i>-Bell Bajao</i></p> <p><u>CLOSING REMARKS</u></p>

<p>19.00pm-19.30pm</p>	<p><u>RECCOMENDATION AND CONCLUSION FROM THE PARTICIPANTS AND CLOSING REMARKS</u></p> <p>Thoraya OBAID <i>Executive Director – UNFPA</i></p> <p>Priscila VERA <i>Director of the Mexican Institute of Youth</i></p> <p>Inés ALBERDI <i>Executive Director - UNIFEM</i></p>
<p>20.00pm-22.00pm</p>	<p><u>MUSIC CONCERT:</u></p> <p>UNiTE to End Violence Against Women and Girls</p> <p><u>OPENING:</u></p> <p><i>Debi Nova (United States)</i></p> <p><u>ARTISTS:</u></p> <p><i>G-Town (Palestine – Hip hop/rap)</i> <i>Pambo (Mexico – Rock/Pop)</i></p> <hr/> <p>SPEAK UP!</p> <p><i>Videos logs will be recorded by Jaya Jiwatram (UNIFEM) throughout the Young Women’s Forum and posted on the UNIFEM website and on YouTube.</i></p> <p><i>UNIFEM will be following the Young Women’s Forum via a live webcast and simultaneous tweeting. People can join in and ask questions via Twitter using @UNIFEM and #YWF2010. During the week of the conference, UNIFEM will also post video logs of panelists on YouTube, post event photos on Flickr and host daily discussions on Facebook.</i></p> <p><i>JOIN IN and be the change you wish to see in the world! For more information, visit www.unifem.org</i></p> <p>Media Contact: Oisika Chakrabarti (oisika.chakrabarti@unifem.org) YWF’s Coordinator: Valeria Vilardo (valeria.vilardo@unifem.org)</p>